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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have appointed or propose to appoint personnel at the unmanned railway crossings; and

(b) if so, by when and the places at which personnel are likely to be appointed at railway crossing, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b)As per extant rules, in case an unmanned level crossing provided initially and maintained at the cost of the Railways needs manning/upgrading/posting of additional gatekeeper due to increase in road traffic, the cost both initial as well as recurring and maintenance has to be borne by the State Government/Road Authority concerned. However, keeping in view the grave consequences of accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man vulnerable level crossings based on the traffic volume and visibility conditions at the unmanned level crossings.

Manning of the level crossings is not planned State-wise. However, during the current financial year, 447 level crossings located on 16 Zonal Railways are targeted for manning.